

LOCAL STOCK MARKET.

A FAIRLY GOOD MARKET FOR A HOLIDAY WEEK.

Phenomenal Transactions in Pneumatic Gun Carriage Stock—An Advance in People's Insurance Stock—Dividend Notices.

The feature of the week in the local stock market was the unusually large transactions in Pneumatic Gun Carriage stock. In all 2,012 shares changed hands. Although the sellers were numerous, one buyer took all that was offered. The details are as follows: 300 shares brought 60 cents; 300, 65; 100, 70; 1,012, 75c, and 300, \$1. There was apparently no special motive prompting the purchases, save that the buyer had already acquired 1,500 shares of the same stock at the lowest price at which it was ever known to sell, and it was doubtless thought a wise move to acquire all the stock known to be for sale at an average approximate valuation. At the close of the week there is some inquiry for this stock, with indications of an improvement in the price. The closing bid was 75 cents, with $\frac{1}{2}$ of a dollar asked.

There was a much larger business last week than usual in Washington and Georgetown Railroad stock. The sales aggregated 33 shares, 27 shares at \$28, 1 at \$25 and 5 shares at \$27. The closing bid was \$27 with the offering at \$25. For \$100 Convertible Washington and Georgetown 6s 140 was paid.

The transactions in bank stocks continue small. Lincoln National showed unusual strength, 10 shares selling at 103, with 104 bid at the close. For 5 shares of Central National but 300 $\frac{1}{2}$ was paid and for 5 more 300 $\frac{1}{2}$. Just on the eve of the dividend of not less than \$4 per share the above prices are thought to be low, although but few persons can afford to accept so small a return on such an investment and wait perhaps years for the enhanced return, which, being unlooked for events must surely eventually follow.

There is a disposition developing to give the present generation better returns for their investments in local stocks than heretofore, and there are lively hopes that the Second National and Columbia National Banks may follow the example of the National Metropolitan Bank and each increase its January dividends to the rate of 10 per cent. per annum likewise. The surplus and undivided profits of each of the institutions named are ample to justify the increase. In the case of the Columbia, which makes its dividend quarterly, the increase would be but \$2,500, and for the Second National but \$2,250.

Among the agreeable surprises of the week was the announcement of a semi-annual dividend of 3 per cent. by the Commercial Insurance Company. This move was received in some quarters as of questionable wisdom, but as the welfare of the company, it is believed, will be promoted by the improved quotations resulting for its stock, time alone can determine the good or bad policy of this act of the directors. It was thought the public might be deterred from placing insurance in a company whose stock was selling under par. The books of the company will remain open until January 7, and then remain closed for one week. On Saturday 80 shares of Commercial sold for \$5, the full par value, and this price was bid for 100 shares more.

There is some inquiry for People's Insurance stock. Privately 160 shares sold for 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ and on Saturday a fractional lot brought 6 $\frac{1}{2}$. This company has met with phenomenal success due in large part to the energy of its officers and directors as well as to its favorable location on Capitol Hill, where the *esprit du corps* of the natives is enlisted to promote the prosperity of a home institution. But two years ago this month, its first policy was issued. Since which time it has accumulated a surplus of \$21,000 on a capital of \$100,000, equal to 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. For the month of November the premiums on new insurance of the company reached nearly \$800, and the renewals also nearly \$800. The receipts from interest on mortgage loans was \$1,500 in that month. The books for the first semi-annual dividend closed on the 26th and the dividend will be paid on January 5.

The transactions in Graphophone stock remain unimportant. For 300 shares but \$5 was paid, and for 10, 5 $\frac{1}{2}$. There is nothing new in the graphophone situation. The new machine is receiving high commendation from all who have heard it, and those interested have no doubt that a market for an instrument so perfect can be found for the machines as fast as they can be turned out. The sales not specially mentioned above, were 10 shares of Washington Loan and Trust stock at 106, 10 shares Washington Gas stock at 4 $\frac{1}{2}$, and 300 Gas bonds, Series A, at 130, 600 Light Infantry Second Mortgage bonds at 100, and 500 M. S. Registered 4s, at 116 $\frac{1}{2}$. The announcement of a dividend on Traders' National Bank stock had an improving effect on its stock. This bank will pay 2 per cent. as a half-yearly dividend on the second day of January proximo. The bid on Saturday was 115 with 119 the lowest offering.

FIELD IS INSANE.

He is Very Nervous, and Appears to Be Dazed.

WAITE PLAINS, N. Y., Dec. 26.—At the special term of the Supreme Court Judge Dykman to-day ratified and confirmed the finding of the jury and inquisition, which on Wednesday last adjudged Edward M. Field to be insane. His wife, Clara L. Field, was appointed to take charge of his person and estate. He is locked up in the Ludlow Street Jail, under heavy guard, and still persists in refusing to eat. He has greatly alarmed his physicians, does not talk to anybody, is getting very nervous, and appears to be dazed.

The Right to Practice Medicine.

Health Officer Hammett, to whom was referred a communication from Robert Christy to the Commissioners of the District, requesting that an order be issued granting recognition as a physician to every citizen who has practiced medicine for 15 years, has returned Mr. Christy's communication to the Commissioners with an endorsement to the effect that the health officer is of the opinion that the issuance of such an order would not be to the best interests of the District. Mr. Christy, however, has been informed that the Commissioners will be glad to hear any reasons he may have to urge in favor of such an order.

IN MUSICAL CIRCLES.

The unseasonable weather of the past week had a most depressing effect upon the Christmas music prepared at the various churches. Hardly a choir was without its list of singers on the sick list, so that at the last moment changes in the programmes were necessary. A green Christmas is not popular among vocalists—however much it be desired by undertakers.

A recent "cold snap" prompted a correspondent of a New York paper to write an article showing the necessity for extreme care among public singers of guarding against colds, in which the statement was made that the majority of the principals of the several opera companies were in the habit of muffling themselves from head to foot. From a rather extended acquaintance with traveling singers, the writer is convinced that the opposite to the above is true. Any one who has observed with what indifference opera singers regard the chill drafts which lurk behind the scenes in the average theatre will exonerate them from the charge of over-carefulness of their persons. It appears that as a rule singers are rather more careless than others in this regard.

Appropos of muffling, a story is recalled which illustrates the kind of singers probably referred to by the New York writer. Some years ago a concert party from a distant city gave a most delightful entertainment in Washington, after which the members were entertained by a local musical club in the hospitable manner which is proverbial among our musicians. Each of the visitors had, on leaving the concert hall, enclosed his feet in thickly lined "arctics," while the neck, chin and mouth were swathed in fold over fold of silk muffler. From hat to over-shoes reached an ulster, suggesting an Arctic expedition—all this on one of our mildest winter nights. To the endeavors of the Washingtonians to keep up a conversation during the short walk to the place of entertainment, the only response was a guttural "ugh," which occasionally forced its way from the depths of the ulsters. Arrived at the house, and after the process of unwrapping had been concluded, the entertainers were astounded to learn that the visitors neither eat, drank nor sang after a performance, and the impression left behind was that the lot of a traveling singer was not a happy one. Its effect was perhaps profitable, as it crushed then and there the aspirations of the local club to attain more than a local reputation.

Professor Kaspar visited Baltimore last week on the invitation of the director of the Garland Orchestra, of that city, to attend one of its rehearsals, and expressed himself as highly pleased at the excellent discipline shown by that favorite amateur organization. The occasion was a very pleasant one, and the Baltimore conductor will show his reciprocal spirit by attending the coming concert of the Georgetown Amateur Orchestra on the 6th proximo.

The concert given by the Harvard Banjo, Mandolin, and Glee clubs at National Rifles' Armory on Friday evening drew one of the prettiest audiences seen this season, many of our representative society people being present, and all appeared to enjoy to the utmost the characteristic songs and catchy instrumental selections rendered in true college style. The mandolin contingent easily led in point of excellence, their numbers being rendered with a crisp precision, showing careful training. Some disappointment was felt in the work of the Glee Club, both in the selections and rendition. The club is deficient in tenors—sadly so—and most of the better compositions suffered from this cause. But it must be said that they gave the audience a surfeit of comic songs, and we would suggest that in the make-up of their programmes they should not make this the feature, to the exclusion of the really beautiful compositions the glee clubs of other colleges render so charmingly.

The only soloist engaged by the Choral Society for the coming production of "The Messiah" at Albaugh's Opera House, who is unknown in this city, is Miss Christine Neilson, a contralto of prominence in the West, where she has been singing leading parts for some time. The other soloists, Mr. and Mrs. Lavin and Mr. Morosini, are well known and established favorites here. A photograph of Miss Neilson, at Metzger's, represents a strikingly beautiful young lady, who, if she sings as well as she looks, will speedily make friends here.

The Temple Quartette, of Boston, one of the oldest organizations of its kind in this country, and one of the best, will, it is to visit Washington professionally during this season, and during their stay the members will be entertained at a banquet by the Franz Abt Club.

The Columbia Amateur Orchestra made its first public appearance at the National Rifles' Hall last Tuesday. The selections were admirably rendered for such a young organization. The conductor, Professor J. D. Rhodes, jr., is a young musician with remarkable talent, and takes great interest in his work. An invitation is extended to young musicians to join. The object of the orchestra is mutual improvement, and to lend what aid they can to charitable undertakings.

Fighting for Life With Prisoners.

OLATHE, KAN., Dec. 26.—The prisoners in the county jail in this city made an attempt last night to kill Sheriff Easdale and escape but were prevented by the timely appearance of Mrs. Easdale, who locked the outside doors, and by the pluck of the sheriff, who was on the inside locked up and fighting for life with six of the prisoners. When assistance reached him, it was found that the sheriff had three long gashes in the head, one just below the right eye another on the left cheek. The wounds were dressed, and he rests easy to-day.

The Equitable's Annual for 1892.

The Equitable Co-operative Building Association Annual for 1892 has been received, and a most beautiful pamphlet it is. It is illustrated with a number of exquisite process pictures, and the general make-up of the pamphlet shows great artistic taste in its designers. There is sure to be a great demand for this handsome production, for it is well worth preserving.

The Annual was got out by McGill & Wallace, the well-known printers, and its beauty and completeness reflect great credit on that firm.

Specie Exports and Imports.

The specie exported from the port of New York during the last week, was \$5,000 gold and \$223,375 silver. All the gold and \$7,250 silver went to South America and \$516,125 silver went to Europe. Specie imported, \$84,853 silver and \$912,109 gold. Of the gold \$630,641 was in bullion, \$27,451 American gold coin and \$243,987 foreign gold coin, while of the silver \$605 was American coin and \$54,550 foreign coin.

LIQUOR LICENSES.

A Large Number Acted On—Prominent Firms Refused Licenses.

A large number of applications for liquor licenses were finally disposed of yesterday by the Commissioners. Among those rejected will be found several prominent business firms, the rejection of whose applications will be a matter of surprise not only to the applicants themselves, but also to the public. Among such applications are Messrs. Schiller & Stevens, 901 Pennsylvania avenue, wholesale; Henry Busch, 421 Tenth street north-west, manager Banner Brewing Company, Cincinnati, Ohio, wholesale and retail, and Arthur Nattans, 438 Seventh street north-west, wholesale.

Retail, approved—Northwest: Philip J. Roche, Hotel Arno; W. W. Spillman, 703 Twenty-third street; Michael P. Flaherty, 2639 I street; Lafayette J. Butler, 623 Twenty-third street; John H. Schombert, 2010 K street; William T. Harvey, 2302 H street; Henry Boltz, 1201 Twentieth street; Thomas J. McGuire, 741 Twenty-fourth street; W. Carley, 903 Twenty-sixth street; J. T. Devine, The Shoreham; John L. Burkert, 942 F street; Charles G. Eschenheimer, 1333 E street; Alex H. Raff, 1001 E street; William M. Gallant, 320 Eighth street; Michael Lyons, 906 Pennsylvania avenue; Brill & Rubenstein, 444 Ninth street; Edward Fick, 320 Tenth street; Andrew W. Brown, 212 Ninth street; John T. Trego, The Randall; William H. Wright, 801 Thirtieth street; John F. Chamberlain, 825 Fifteenth street; Margaret Moran, 3011 M street; George Collins, 3015 Water street; John Crowley, 3336 M street; Edward R. Reynolds, 3033 M street; McGill Grove, 3603 M street; Thomas J. Stanton, executor, 2829 M street; Jacob W. Power, 1126 Twenty-ninth street; Jeremiah Sullivan, 1331 Thirtieth street; Cloe A. Fields, 3004 M street; John C. Quackenbush, 3215 K street; William H. Quackenbush, 1048 Thirtieth street; John Maher, 1304 Thirtieth-second street; Ruben Rowzee, 3800 M street; Dennis F. Keady, 3314 M street; John McKenna, 3057 Water street; George Schafer, 3605 M street; William McCoy, 1332 Thirtieth-second street; James E. McGrath, 1602 Thirtieth-second street; Theresa A. Neenan, 3214 M street; Fritz Wittmer, 2801 M street; John Kaiser, 1314 Thirtieth-second street; Jeremiah Lynch, 1715 Thirtieth-fifth street; R. W. Morgan, 1218 Thirtieth-second street; Daniel Casey, Canal road; James Kellher, 1514 Thirtieth-second street; John R. and W. H. Long, 3206 M street, and Patrick Dugan, 3285 M street.

Retail, rejected—Northwest: Henry Busch, 421 Tenth street, manager Banner Brewing Company; Bothwell & Paine, 415 Thirtieth street; Louise F. Meinkheim, 1112 D street; John A. Curtin, 3400 M street; James F. Simmons, 3002 M street; Alice Nolan, 2805 M street; George J. Hilbus, 2500 G street; John D. Gallagher, 2519 H street; Daniel I. Hanan, 350 Twenty-fifth street; John F. Kane, 1000 Twenty-fifth street; W. J. Kerr, 601 New Hampshire avenue.

Wholesale, approved—Northwest: William R. Brown, 832 Twentieth street; John H. Magruder, 1417 New York avenue, and 1122 Connecticut avenue; Pierre Qzli, 1825 K street; Benjamin L. Wheeler, 1755 K street; Whiteside & Walton, 1926 Pennsylvania avenue; R. L. Magruder, 1900 Pennsylvania avenue; Yellott & Rust, 800 Twentieth street; Frank S. Larkin, 820 Twenty-second street; Mark O'Halloran, 700 Pennsylvania avenue; J. A. and I. M. Demont, 1712-14 Pennsylvania avenue; Philip H. Ward, 2100 Pennsylvania avenue; Shaw & Ifft, 1015 Connecticut avenue; Michael Flynn, 2030 H street; Herman Hollander, 425 Twelfth street; Leonard Greibel, 922 Tenth street; Matthew Goddard, 1301 H street; C. C. Bryan, 1413 New York avenue; Acker & Kenner, 1429 Pennsylvania avenue; J. Hall Semmes, 740 Twelfth street; Beatty Charles, 1119 D street, manager, Bartholomay Brewing Company; W. S. Thompson, 703 Fifteenth street; Samuel Bien, 406 Ninth street; F. & F. M. Finley, 1206 D street; John Keyworth, 318 Ninth street; G. G. Cornwell, Son & Co., 1412 Pennsylvania avenue; Alice K. Seligson, 1200-02 Pennsylvania avenue; Herman Benzler 923 Temperance Hall alley; Robert White, jr., 900 Ninth street; Jacob Radmon, 222 Ninth street; Charles B. Van Syckel, 622 Thirtieth street; John R. Major, 800 Seventh street; Vincent W. Power, 915 Louisiana avenue; William Hirst, 730 Seventh street; N. W. Burchell, 1325 F street; James F. Russell, 730 Ninth street; August W. Noock, 1331 E street; G. G. C. Simms, Fourteenth street and New York avenue.

Wholesale rejected—Northwest: Carl Eschenberger, 917 Twenty-sixth street; Thomas H. Henshaw, 2203 L street; G. E. Dwyer, 408 Twenty-sixth street; Whitehurst & Watkins, 1200 Sixteenth street; Henry Busch, 421 Tenth street; Schiller & Stevens, 901 Pennsylvania avenue; Ellis Padgett, 1236 I street; Arthur Nattans, 438 Seventh street; Louis Steerman, 428 Tenth street; Sigmund Silverberg, 826 Ninth street.

A PARISIAN DINNER.

A Sarcastic French Journal's Resume of Food Adulteration.

According to *Le Cosmos*, the following is the agreeable menu of a Parisian dinner:

As appetizer, a vermouth, which is rendered agreeable by the addition of sulphuric acid.

The diner then attacks his potage of taploca—made of potato starch, to which copper has been added.

His butter is made of calf's fat colored with lead.

His roast, of inferior quality, has been improved with saltpetre; he discovers a few truffles made of pressed clay.

The vinegar of the salad is seasoned with vitriol.

The peas—a little too green—taste of the copper which has given them their color.

Dessert. A chocolate cream; the chocolate is made of glucose, red oxide of mercury, and red ochre.

For coffee he is given a mixture of horse-liver roasted in the oven, black walnut sawdust and caramel.

His small glass of kirschwasser, which terminates the dinner, contains as high as twenty-two centigrammes of prussic acid to the litre.

After such a meal the Parisian has a terrible thirst, he wishes to drink beer and he drinks it. It is a deception of poppy-heads, elder, belladonna, datura stamodium, soda, tan bark and pric acid.

BROWN'S IRON BITTERS ALMANAC

For 1892. Contains One Hundred Recipes for making delicious Candy cheaply and quickly at home. This book is given away at drug and general stores.

Gill's Superfine Candies, 11th and F.

Amusements.

ALBAUGH'S GRAND OPERA HOUSE.

A HAPPY NEW YEAR.

WEEK BEGINNING

MONDAY, DECEMBER 28.

MATINEES.

FRIDAY (New Year's) & SATURDAY

THE NOVELTY of 1891-'92

THE CADI,

BY

Bill Nye Bill Nye

A BRAND NEW IDEA.

LOTS OF FUN INTO IT.

125 NIGHTS IN NEW YORK.

All the Original New York Cast, Scenery, and Effects.

MUSIC BY BRAHAM. SCENERY BY RAYMOND.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

GRAND

DOLL MATINEE.

1,000 DOLLS

Given Away to the Children By

THE CADI.

BRING ALL THE LITTLE ONES.

Next Week—W. H. CRANE,

IN

"THE SENATOR" and "FOR MONEY."

ALBAUGH'S OPERA HOUSE. Extra.

COMMENCING MONDAY, JANUARY 4,

SIX NIGHTS.

ONLY MATINEE SATURDAY.

MR. WM. H.

CRANE.

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday Nights

FAREWELL APPEARANCES

In the Great American Comedy,

THE

SENATOR,

By DAVID D. LLOYD AND SYDNEY ROSENFELD.

Friday and Saturday Nights and Saturday Matinee.

Mr. Crane and His Company Will Appear in a New Comedy, Entitled

FOR

MONEY,

By CLAY M. GREENE AND AUGUSTUS THOMAS.

Mr. Crane will be supported by the same admirable company of artists that contributed so much toward the enormous success he has achieved throughout the country. SALE OF SEATS BEGINS THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31.

ACADEMY.

NEW YEAR'S FUN!

Monday, December 28, and all the Week.

Friday and Saturday Matinees.

FRANK DANIELS

IN THE

NEW "LITTLE PUCK,"

NOW IN THE FIFTH YEAR OF ITS GREAT SUCCESS.

Monday, January 4—Reed & Collier Comedy Company in Hose and Hoss.

KERNAN'S LYCEUM THEATRE.

Pennsylvania Avenue and 11th Street.

Week Commencing MONDAY, Dec. 28.

Matinees Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday.

and Grand New Year's Matinee.

FIRST APPEARANCE OF MAN-CHESTER'S

FRENCH FOLLY CO.,

Including A Grand Chorus.

PRETTY

20 Model Women 20

The Latest Sensation From the JARDIN MABILLE.

THE FRENCH WHIRLWIND DANCERS.

Popular { Night, 15, 25, 50, and 75c. } Boxes and Prices, { Matinee, 10, 15, 25, and 50 } Loges \$1.

Next Week—Henry Burlesque Company.

Amusements.

NEW NATIONAL THEATRE.

Week Commencing DECEMBER 28,

Matinees Wednesday and Saturday.

EXTRA HOLIDAY MATINEE NEW YEAR'S DAY.

THAT WONDERFUL COMEDY,

NIOBE

(ALL LAUGHTER)

BY THE FAULTONS, AUTHORS OF "ERMINIE,"

Presented by

ABBOTT & TEAL'S COMEDY COMPANY

DIRECT FROM THE

BIJOU THEATRE, N. Y.,

AFTER A

Phenomenally Successful Run

OF

OVER 100 NIGHTS

WITH SCENERY AND EQUIPMENTS COMPLETE.

Week of { Pitou's Stock Company.

Jan. 4.

GEORGETOWN ORCHESTRA,

LUTHER PLACE MEMORIAL CHURCH,

Fourteenth and Vermont avenue northwest,

First Grand Concert

Wednesday Evening, January 6, 1892,

Assisted by

CLEMENTINA DE VERE.....Prima Donna

ANTON GLOETZNER.....Pianist

Subscription seats now on sale for the course of three concerts, \$2. For sale at W. G. Metzger & Co.'s, 1110 F street northwest.

HARRIS' BIJOU THEATRE.

Mrs. P. Harris, R. S. Britton, and T. F. Dean,

Proprietors and Managers.

Week commencing MONDAY, December 28.

OUR NEW YEAR ATTRACTION,

His Nibs the Baron

Nothing but smiles. Hilarious from incessant laughter. A company of comedians, vocalists, dancers, actors, actresses, and acrobats appearing. A veritable syndicate of Wit, Humor, Novelty, Grace, Youth, Beauty, Song, and Music.

Next Week—A BARREL OF MONEY.

"In Times

Of Peace

Prepare for War."

In Warm Weather prepare

for Cold. In Cold Weather pre-

pare for Colder. Christmas is

over, but Winter is not. Be

provident, be wise, be thought-

ful, be economical. Likewise

be prompt. Delays are as dan-

gerous now as ever. Call early

and inspect Our Stock of Win-

ter Shoes. You'll need a pair

before New Year's, and here is

the place to find the best at

the Lowest Cash Prices.

Geo. W. Rich,

717 Market Space.